Role of SEB in Kerala's industrial progress

1549 SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state

(a) whether any studies have been conducted by Government regarding role of State Electricity Board in Kerala's industrial progress,

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) whether Government propose to implement any packages for the development of traditional industnes such as cpil, cashew, handloom, khadi etc , in Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S ELANGOVAN). (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Revival of closed industries in Tamil Nadu

1550 SHRI N.R. GOVINDRAJAR Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey to identify the number of closed small, medium, large industries in Tamil Nadu during the last two years; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government to revive such industries within the time-frame?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) As per the Third All India Census of registered Small Scale Industrial (SSI) units for the reference year 2001-02 conducted during November 2002 to June 2003, out of the total 1,80,032 units registered upto 31st March, 2001, the number of units found closed were 1,27,185 in the State of Tamil Nadu. Data on sick industrial units, assisted by Banks in the country is compiled by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). As per RBI report, 158 Non-SSI sick/weak category units were reported as closed .as at the end of March 2003 in Tamil Nadu. Labour Bureau, Shimla, under the Ministry of Labour and Employment collects information on closure of industrial units covered by the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 As per information received from Labour Bureau, Shimla no closure has been reported for the year 2003 and 2004 in Central and State Sphere in the State of Tamil Nadu.